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TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: WATERFRONT PROJECT, MASS. R-77
Site Preparation Contract "U"
Permission to Award a Contract to
The Modern Continental Construction Co., Inc.

On August 27, 1974, bids were opened on Site Preparation Contract "U" in the Waterfront Urban Renewal Project. A copy of the bid tabulation is attached. The Engineers estimate, Schoenfeld Associates, Inc. was $820,000.00.

The low bidder was The Modern Continental Construction Co., Inc. with a bid in the amount of $764,917.00.

The work will consist of the installation of a storm drain, construction of a special manhole, construction of an outfall headwall, driving of wood piling, driving of steel pipe piles and/or steel H piles, wood sheeting, steel sheeting for cofferdam, partial demolition of and rebuilding of the existing granite bulkhead, construction of a concrete promenade deck and all appurtenances.

A check on the firms bank reference (National Shawmut Bank of Boston) and a Dunn and Bradstreet Report were found to be satisfactory.

It is, therefore, recommended that Site Preparation Contract "U" be awarded to The Modern Continental Construction Co., Inc., based upon the unit prices bid and the estimated quantities in the amount of $764,917.00.

VOTED: That Site Preparation Contract "U" in the Waterfront Project, Mass. R-77 be awarded to The Modern Continental Construction Co., Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder based upon the unit prices bid and the estimated quantities, in the amount of $764,917.00, and the Executive Director is authorized to execute said Contract in behalf of the Authority.

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Tabulation of Bids

SITE PREPARATION CONTRACT "U," WATERFRONT PROJECT, MASS. R-77

Opened and read aloud at the Office of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Boston City Hall, One City Hall Square, Boston, Massachusetts, Tuesday, August 27, 1974 at Twelve Noon, EDST.

CONTRACTOR	ALTERNATE #1	ALTERNATE #2	BID SECURITY CHECK
The Modern Continental Construction Co., Inc.	$ 1,120,417.00	$ 764,917.00	$ 45,000.00
J. F. White Contracting Co.	1,180,370.00	848,870.00	60,000.00
Salah & Pecci Construction Co., Inc.	1,239,860.00	863,310.00	65,000.00
Sutton Corporation	1,362,400.00	979,500.00	50,000.00
D. Federico Co., Inc.	1,753,540.00	1,133,340.00	90,000.00
Frank Ganter Co., Inc.	1,606,375.00	1,343,875.00	85,000.00

TO: ROBERT T. KENNEY

FROM: WALLACE B. ORPIN

DATE: AUGUST 28, 1974

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Site Preparation Contract "U"
Low Bidder - Modern Continental Construction Co., Inc.

In the Instructions to Bidders, Paragraph 13.0, Award of Contracts, Rejection of Bids, the following statement is contained: "Bids shall not contain abnormally high or abnormally low prices for any class or item of work."

A quick review of the bidding reveals the following items to be at variance with the Instruction to Bidders:

Item 5-1 - 1000 Cubic Yards of Rock or Concrete Excavation

Modern Continental Bid	$ 0.01/C.Y.
Engineer's Estimate	$20.00/C.y.
Average of 2nd & 3rd Bidder	$11.25/C.Y.

Item 6-2 - 1800 Tons of Ordinary Borrow

Modern Continental Bid	$ 0.01/Ton
Engineer's Estimate	$ 4.00/Ton
Average of 2nd & 3rd Bidder	$ 3.50/Ton

Item 10-3 - 6300 Pounds of Miscellaneous Structural Steel Anchors and Fasteners Galvanized and Complete in Place

Modern Continental Bid	$ 0.01/lb.
Engineer's Estimate	$ 1.00/lb.
Average of 2nd & 3rd Bidder	$ 2.50/lb.

Item 14-1 - 110 Cubic Yards of Class A Cement Concrete Masonry for Outfall Headwall Complete in Place

Modern Continental Bid	$ 400./C.Y.
Engineer's Estimate	$ 140./C.Y.
Average of 2nd & 3rd Bidder	$ 195./C.Y.

These are obviously abnormally high or abnormally low bids for a class or item of work.